

## FIGURES SHOW VALUE OF STATE STREET REALTY WHILE STORES CRY FOR TAX CUT

The big State street stores ask a tax cut. They will get an answer from the board of review soon.

State's Att'y Hoyne's men are watching. They are wondering whether James Simpson of Marshall Field & Co. and D. F. Kelley of Mandel Brothers will be able to get the sort of reduction last year granted by the board of review to bankers who came in headed by George Reynolds of the Continental & Commercial and got a 15 per cent tax cut after pulling a long face and whining about hard times.

A Day Book man today asked Tom Webb, wholesale coffee merchant, who is chairman of the board of review, about a rumor that the board would take up the State street stores' tax cut behind closed doors.

"Everybody who is interested can be present when we hear this matter," said Webb. "There will be no closed doors. The state's attorney's office, the Cook County Real Estate board or any one else is invited to come."

Here are assessment figures on some of the highest priced pieces of land on earth. Every four years, according to tax laws, the assessors and board of review fix these land values per front foot. And they are not changed again for four years.

Marshall Field & Co., State st., east side, Randolph to Washington—1911, \$10,000; 1915, \$11,000.

Mandel Brothers and Charles Stevens, Washington to Madison—1911, \$12,000; 1915, \$13,000.

Carson, Pirie, Scott & Co., and Monroe to Adams — 1911, \$11,000; 1915, \$12,000.

The Hub, and Adams to Jackson—1911, \$11,000; 1915, \$11,500.

Rothschild & Co., north end between Jackson and Van Buren—1911, \$7,500; 1915, \$8,000; south end, 1911, \$6,500; 1915, \$6,500.

Siegel-Cooper's Van Buren to Congress, north end—1911, \$5,500; 1915, \$5,000; south end, 1911, \$5,500; 1915, \$4,000.

Hillman's and Boston Store, Washington to Madison — 1911, \$12,000; 1915, \$13,000.

The Fair, and Monroe to Adams—1911, \$11,000; 1915, \$12,000.

### POLICE BLOCKED FIGHT ON SEERS, SAYS PROSECUTOR

The police department came in for a terrific scoring at the police graft trial today when Asst. State's Att'y. John Fleming opened the closing arguments for the state.

Incident to asking for a conviction against Detective Sergts. Walter O'Brien and Wm. Egan, he spoke in such harsh words of the police that attorney for the defense tried to get the court to stop him. The court permitted Fleming to continue.

"The clairvoyants daily swindled hundreds," said Fleming, "and when an honest state's attorney tried to get the crooks he was hampered by the police. Then rendered him no assistance, only got in his way."

"It took a strong and fearless man to fight alone an organization like the thieving crooks in the police department."

Fleming told of how the clairvoyant crooks were aided by the loop newspapers which ran ads which lured victims to a fleecing in their parlors. Some of the people who trusted to the ads and visited the seers were fleeced of everything they had.

It is not likely that the case will reach the jury before Monday.

Washington.—With gold supply of \$2,006,399,539, this country has twice as much as any other country in the world, treasury officials said today. Gold and gold certificates in circulation and in banks is \$1,662,797,786.